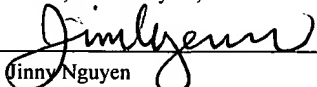




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In the application of:

L. M. Smith et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Final Office action dated July 23, 1997. This extension will extend the time the response is due from October 23, 1997 to January 23, 1998.

- ☒ A three month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$950.00.
- ☐ A [second/third] month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$.
- ☐ A [one/two] month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on .
- ☐ The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$950.00 is attached.

☐ Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 243132000105.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 243132000105.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 23, 1998

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